



## IT WILL BE SO GREAT WHEN HE CAN...



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This has been a great couple weeks for our family as my oldest child has received his first two college acceptances and has 3 outstanding. He has already received one full tuition scholarship offer and expects to receive a similar offer from the second acceptance that he has received. As you can tell, he is a great student and I am sure you can surmise from that he has a really smart mother and you would be 100% correct on that.

As a parent of now older children, I am often asked and sometimes I give unsolicited advice to younger parents or parents to be. My advice is always the same...live in the moment, it goes way faster than you think it will. I remember multiple conversations with my wife when my oldest was a baby/toddler when we would say: "It will be so great when he can...crawl, walk, talk, feed himself, ride a bike, etc., etc.. That is my biggest regret as a parent is that I was constantly looking to the future for when he or she would be able to...fill in the blank.

Now I am facing in a very short time a son who is heading off to college this fall and all I can think now is...Did I teach him enough? Is he prepared for this next phase in his life? Has he learned enough life lessons? Does he know how proud I am of him? Does he know how much I love him? The list goes on and on.

The one thing that has been good about looking to the future is that we planned for the cost of his education and he won't have to have student loans to pay off when he starts his career after college and he knows that he has parents and grandparents who understand the value of an education and following your dreams.

This can be a metaphor for our lives in general of how important it is to live in the moment, while planning for the future. My entire practice has been built on this premise. I do it in running my own business and I advise my clients on very important decisions that they make that affect their present and their future. It is so important to have the proper balance between living in the present and planning for your future. My team and I are here to help you with both of these. We would love to talk to you or any of your friends about this important balance and the decisions that need to be made.

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